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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

Sir:

This application is related to the following U.S. patent applications:

the application invented by David Murray Banks entitled "REED-SOLOMON DECODER AND DECODING METHOD FOR ERRORS AND ERASURES DECODING," which application is being filed on July 30, 2003; and

the application invented by David Murray Banks, Jonathan

Jedwab and James Andrew Davis entitled "SOLID STATE STORAGE DEVICE

AND DATA STORAGE METHOD," which application is being filed on July

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CLAIM TO PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119

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Sir:

[X] Applicants hereby make a right of priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119 for the benefit of the filing date(s) of the following corresponding foreign application(s):

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| | United Kingdom | 31 July 2002 | 0217791.3 |
| [] | . A certified copy of each | of the above-noted pa | atent |

To support applicants' claim, a certified copy of the aboveidentified foreign patent application is enclosed herewith.

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[X] The priority document will be forwarded to the Patent Office when required or prior to issuance.

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